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EXTENSION SERVICE  
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For your information

TO STATE FARM LABOR SUPERVISORS of Fla., Ga., S.C., N.C., Va., Md., Del., Pa.,  
N.J., N.Y., Conn., Tenn., and Ohio

Subject: Atlantic Coast Migratory Movement

SOUTH CAROLINA: Migrants were leaving South Carolina all last week. Practically all will be out by the end of this week. O. W. Nealy who has been representing this office in areas 15 and 16 reports all crews requesting our aid have been placed for work now in progress or soon to start. Ninety were sent to Bill Hillman in Maryland. This has been a good season in South Carolina with respect to weather. Practically no time was lost because of rain. Market conditions were not good throughout the season and the Government had to support prices toward the end. This, however, did not cause any prolonged period of work interruption for the migrants. There was considerable evidence of unbalanced operation as between field and grader. Field crews dug potatoes faster than the available graders could process them. This caused trucks to lose time at grader sheds, field workers to lose time and grader crews to work long hours.

NORTH CAROLINA: After several days of uncertainty due to unfavorable market conditions, work is now under way in North Carolina with some temporary hinderance from wet weather. Needs, housing, and worker supply are in good balance. There is evidence that growers intend to dig potatoes more slowly than in most previous seasons. This decision probably results from the fear that faster digging will cause another market slump. Area 20 is finishing this week. Most workers have gone from here to Areas 26, 27, and 28. Only about 150 remain in the area and these will leave so quickly that not much more placement work can be done from this area. All other North Carolina areas will be engaged in heavy activity for from two to three weeks. Fred Sloan has sent to other States a rather complete listing of crews, including those open for future contracting. We assume that Extension personnel or growers wanting workers will communicate directly with these unemployed crews. However, North Carolina personnel in the camps will be glad to assist where they can. The camp placement personnel are listed below:

John M. McLean c/o County Agent Columbia, N. C.	W. L. Davis Labor Assistant Weeksville, N. C.	N. F. Holoman Labor Assistant Mount Olive, N. C.	Floyd White Farm Labor Camp Belcross, N. C.
W. S. Riddick Farm Placement Interviewer Grandy, N. C.	Paul Nance Farm Placement Interviewer Aurora, N. C.	P. C. Brooks Farm Placement Interviewer c/o County Agent Bayboro, N. C.	



MARYLAND: The Pocomoke, Somerset, and Allen camps are full. The Newark camp is opening June 18. Five crews containing 146 workers are en route. The arrival of these will fill all Government housing now available. No other workers should go to Maryland at present without specific instruction from W. H. Hillman or their employer. Mr. Hillman is Extension Service Placement Supervisor. His telephone number is Pocomoke 410. As of June 16, all workers except about 30 are reported working. Congratulations, Bill. You seem to have timed the arrival of your workers well and are keeping them busy in advance of your peaks. There are 36 family units in the Maryland camps. Perhaps later in the season some of these may be available for other areas. Those needing very small groups may want to write Mr. Hillman at Pocomoke.

DELAWARE: The present need for migrants has been met. Work for a considerable number will open up around July 1 and remain strong until early fall. I suggest that crews needing additional contracts communicate with W. H. Henderson, County Agricultural Agent, Georgetown, Delaware. Telephone number is 21.

NEW YORK: There is little need now for migrants other than the very small crews or family groups that can be used in production work. Work employing large numbers of migrants will be somewhat later than usual this year. This work will begin on Long Island about the middle of July and from that time on there will be a heavy need for migrants in Areas 35, 36, 37, and 38. For the past year or so these late summer and early fall needs of New York have been more difficult to meet than the needs of any other of the States relying heavily on Atlantic Coast migrants. I suggest that Extension Service personnel now in contact with crews who do not have work for the summer and early fall give these crews the following name, address and telephone number:

S. M. Vaughan  
Assistant State Supervisor  
Farm Labor Program  
41 Warren Hall  
Ithaca, New York  
Telephone: 3331, Ext. 2735

Mr. Vaughan will transmit applications for work to the right persons in the various areas.

MOVEMENT OUT OF FLORIDA - June 12. The Atlantic Coast Migratory Movement appears to be either later or smaller than last year. It may well be both. We will know more definitely what the fact is by the end of July. Below is a comparison of the movement by the Yulee (Gross) Information Station for the last three years. The comparison for 1946 and 1947 is much more valid than the comparison of 1945 with either of those years.

MIGRANTS COUNTED AT YULEE, FLORIDA INFORMATION STATION  
as of June 12.

1945	4,745
1946	9,400
1947	8,894



The following table shows counties of origin in Florida and destinations of migrants passing the Florida station through June 12, this year.

NUMBER PASSING YULEE, FLORIDA INFORMATION STATION  
June 12, 1947

<u>From</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Number</u>
Alachua County	285	South Carolina	1,181
Brevard "	77	North Carolina	4,305
Broward "	466	Virginia	1,654
Dade "	392	Maryland	825
Indian River "	28	Delaware	79
Highlands "	352	New Jersey	220
Hillsboro "	197	New York	392
Lake "	12	Pennsylvania	117
Manatee "	396	Ohio	98
Marion "	22	Massachusetts	23
Orange "	94		<u>8,894</u>
Palm Beach "	3,159		
Polk "	191		
Putnam "	533		
St. Johns "	925		
St. Lucie "	248		
Sarasota "	223		
Seminole "	333		
Volusia "	121		
Flagler "	10		
Glades "	7		
Georgia -	2		
Unknown	821		
	<u>8,894</u>		

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS: We would like very much to reduce the telephone costs of accumulating the information distributed through these letters. We are now approaching the period when most migrants are going to settle down for a long stay in one work area. Therefore, we are requesting that the personnel now charged with transmitting information to us do so by weekly letter. If these letters are mailed so as to reach us by Monday, we can maintain our present publication schedule. The following items are among the most useful:

<u>Employment Situation</u>				
Areas needing workers :	Activity :	Communicate :	Address :	Telephone
now or within 2 weeks :	:	with :	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
Areas having surplus :	:	:	:	:
workers within next :	:	:	:	:
2 weeks :	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:

## Government Camps

Name camps now open	Capacity	Present occupancy	Communicate with	Telephone
Camps to open next 2 weeks		Opening date		
Camps to close: next 2 weeks		Closing date		

Other pertinent information:

Very truly yours,

R. H. Pittman

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Recruitment and Placement Division  
Extension Farm Labor Program

